

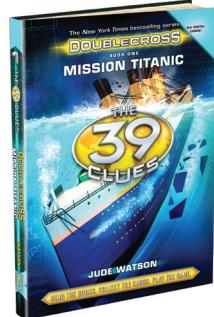


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Mission Titanic: Float the Facts!

In *The 39 Clues: Doublecross: Mission Titanic*, a new villain is recreating the great disasters of history, starting with the famed ocean liner that struck an iceberg in 1912. If you had been aboard that fateful night, would you have made it to safety? Find out!

Below is a true/false fact maze. To escape the maze you must determine which facts are airtight, and which ones just won't float. Color in the true boxes and chart a path out of the maze. (HINT: We filled in the first and last true facts for you.) Good luck!



START

An 1898 novel told the story of a ship called "the Titan," that hit an iceberg.	The ship was carrying over a million dollars worth of gold bars.	The 1997 movie, <i>Titanic</i> , was the biggest box-office flop of all time.	The captain was criticized for saving himself and letting thousands drown.
The half-full lifeboats had room for hundreds more that could have been saved.	The <i>Titanic</i> is the only ocean liner in history that's ever been sunk by an iceberg.	The ship burned some 600 tons of coal a day, shoveled into its furnaces by a team of 176 men.	The lookouts in the crow's nest did not have binoculars.
The ship's remains haven't been found, despite years of searching.	Some of those rescued had climbed to safety on the iceberg itself.	Harry Houdini had planned to be on board but at the last minute, rescheduled.	Facilities on board included a gym, pool, and kennel for first class dogs.
Third class had it rough with only two bathtubs for more than 700 passengers.	From the time the lookouts sounded the alert, the crew had only 37 seconds to react before the ship hit the iceberg.	Originally, an evacuation drill was scheduled for the day the <i>Titanic</i> hit the iceberg, but was canceled.	One of the four smokestacks was added to make the ship look more impressive.
Millionaire Ben Guggenheim and his butler stayed aboard and wore tuxedos in order to "go down like gentlemen."	The ship's last message was "all reports of icebergs are false."	Priceless paintings by Manet and Picasso were lost in the sinking.	The ship turned the wrong way when the iceberg was spotted, due to a garbled transmission over the intercom.

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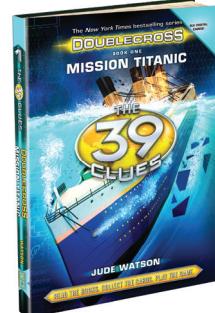
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Mission Titanic: Float the Facts! Answer Key

Now that you've charted a course by stepping your way across Titanic facts, use this answer sheet to determine how safe your path really was. Did you step on any facts that couldn't float, or did you make it to safety? (And while we're at it, let's correct those false facts!)



True!	False! There was very little gold aboard.	False! It was actually the biggest box-office hit at the time.	False! He bravely went down with the ship.
True!	True!	True!	True!
False! The remains were found in 1985.	False! The ship was far from the iceberg by the time it sank.	False! (But this story is true of the creator of Hershey's chocolate!)	True!
True!	True!	True!	True!
True!	False! The ship radioed for help, but help arrived too late for most passengers.	False! This was invented for the 1997 movie.	False! It turned away from the iceberg, but not quickly enough.

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